

# Connections



4th Quarter 2023




**CHRISTMAS EVENTS**  
Food | Drinks | Fun & Happiness

<b>COOKIE WALK</b> November 18	<b>ANNUAL DINNER DANCE</b> December 15	<b>SNACK WITH SANTA &amp; TREE LIGHTING</b> December 2
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## Welcome to our Newest Members!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members: \*The Works- Arzie Balorski, \*Prestige Real Estate Images, Inc- Richard Camacho, \*Hestia Grinds, LLC- Samuel Cardenas, \*Core Rehab- Peggy Chunduri, \*Revive Mobile Wellness- Kristin Jeziorny, \*City Porches- Zoe Kristen, \*Comixxpress Colombian Fast Food- Frances Martinez, \*Strategic Investment Solutions, Inc- David Matuszak, \*The American Legion, Argo-Summit Post 735- Angel Mosqueda, \*Lissy Novelties LLC- Luz Ortiz, \*Paps Tap- Helen Paprota, \*Carazon Mixteco- Maria Santiago, \*Staver Accident Injury Lawyer, P.C.- Jared Staver, \*Tony's Bouncy House LLC- Tony Trudell, \*Stunods Pizzeria!

## Winter Banners- Ordering Now Open!

Winter banners will be displayed on Archer Ave & 63rd street to bring light and joy to our community. This is a great opportunity to market your business! For banner registration, please visit [www.MidwayChamber.org](http://www.MidwayChamber.org) or scan the QR Code below.



## Benefits of Joining the Chamber

1. Business Promotions & Publicity
2. Acquire Customer Referrals & Networking Opportunities!
3. Business Education, Support & Advocacy!
4. Lobbying & Influencing your Community

If you would like to join the chamber or see more benefits of joining, scan the QR Code or go to our website:

[www.MidwayChamber.org](http://www.MidwayChamber.org)



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# Nominations are Open!

At our annual Dinner Dance, held in December, it is our pleasure to honor our community heroes. Every year we choose one firefighter, one police officer and one teacher to honor and invite their families to join us for dinner and watch them receive their award.

Nominations are now live on our facebook page! If you know a teacher from our area that has impacted students' lives, please send their information and a description of their influence on the community to us! We appreciate and celebrate all our First Responders!



## Support the Businesses That Support our Community!

### Community Update!

**Ciao Ragazzi Restaurant** - *Ciao Ragazzi* owners continue to expand! Have you noticed that empty TCF Bank building? Well don't you worry, it's under contract! *Ciao Ragazzi* owner, Jose Padilla, has purchased the building and is planning to bring improvements to our area. Stop into *Ciao Ragazzi* located at 5440 S. Narragansett for some delicious food and to congratulate them on expanding their business!

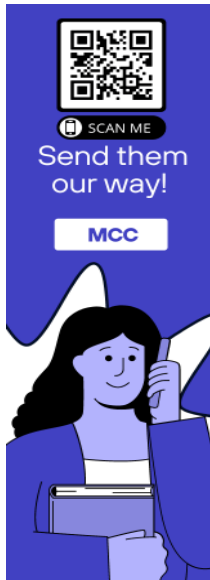
**Garfield Ridge Neighborhood Watch**- Be sure to stay up to date with all the community updates by following the Garfield Ridge Neighborhood Watch. Join their meetings, in person or online, the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. They also host the most amazing ***Annual Christmas Tree Lighting***. Stop up to Wentworth Park on December 2nd from 5-8pm for free ice skating, free pictures with Santa, food trucks, and a vendor fair!

**Lindys Reunion** Hosted by Al Cacciottolo, the man who knows and does everything! Stop up to Moose Lodge on 73rd & Harlem on November 25, to mingle with old friends!



**8th District Police Update**- Alderman Tabares & Alderman Quinn are currently working together to get our 8th district split into two separate districts. We currently live in Chicago's largest district. It is nearly impossible for officers to make it from one end of the district to the other in a timely manner. If you are someone who is in support of dividing the 8th district into two districts, please visit your local Alderman's office to sign the petition in support of this movement.

# Membership Update



At the Midway Chamber of Commerce, we provide businesses with the resources they need to grow in a thriving community. We are proud to have increased our membership by over 40 new members this year alone. Our goal is to continue that growth moving forward!

By joining our chamber, you'll have access to exclusive resources and unique opportunities. We are constantly working with each business member in order to support their success and make our community stronger. Our chamber has seen an insurgence of new businesses this year, and we want to keep that momentum going. If you're a business owner or a loyal patron, remind your favorite companies about the benefits of joining the Midway Chamber of Commerce and encourage them to become members. By joining our chamber, businesses can invest in the future of their business—and the community!

We are dedicated to helping both businesses and the community thrive. Join us today and take advantage of all the opportunities that come with being a part of the Midway Chamber of Commerce. Let's work together! Join here - [www.midwaychamber.org/join](http://www.midwaychamber.org/join)

## Support the Businesses that Support our Community!

### Celebrate Our Businesses of the Month

#### October Business of the Month: **Prestige Real Estate Images**

Prestige Real Estate Images was started in 2018 with the goal of bringing affordable, top quality Real Estate Photography to all Real Estate professionals. In 2022 we expanded our business to include Business Social Media Marketing and Content Creation. This service is aimed at small businesses, and it provides top-quality, budget-friendly, video and photography creative services for small businesses.



#### November Business of the Month: **Chicago EA**

Chicago EA is a boutique accounting firm specializing in accounting, tax, and financial services. We are a small firm, which allows for personalized attention, leading to a deeper understanding of clients' needs and efficient work.

We believe that bookkeeping, tax returns, and all other "task" based objectives are commodities, and we focus on a more holistic approach to help establish generational wealth. We do this by uilding personal relationships to understand our client's goals, wants, and needs. We curate our experience to be tailored to each client to maximize tax savings, business expansion, personal net growth, and financial security.

Ask yourself...would you rather have a historian or a meteorologist handling your financial landscape? One reports on past events, while the other one predicts the future.. Remember, it's not about how much revenue you generate, it's about how much "After Tax Dollars" you keep.

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#### December Business of the Month: **RevIve Mobile Wellness**

RevIve Mobile Wellness began in June 2023 by Kristin Jeziorny who is a nurse practitioner. We offer mobile IV vitamin and hydration therapy, including the Myer's Cocktail, Athletic Recovery Drip, Energy Drip, Immunity Drip, Hangover Drip, and several other vitamin infusions and injections.



-For the holidays we will be offering a gift card special...Purchase a gift card for \$100 or more, and receive a \$25 credit.

-First time customers receive 10% off services.

-First Responders always receive 15% off services.

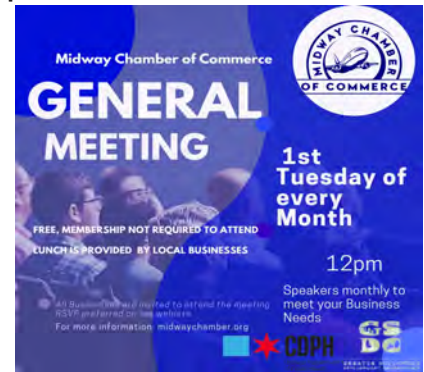


# Upcoming Events



**Monthly General Meetings:** Please join us the first Tuesday of every month, at our general meeting to stay up to date with the latest news, upcoming events and available support for your business! Every month we have an informational speaker, an update on local news and happenings and a lunch provided to all who attend. \* We ask that you RSVP to the meetings ahead of time on our website in order to ensure we make proper accommodations.

*\*\* We always welcome our local businesses with open arms. We are looking for local businesses to sponsor our lunches. Please email [director@midwaychamber.org](mailto:director@midwaychamber.org) if you would like to volunteer to be a lunch sponsor!*



**Pumpkin Jamboree Parade & Dia De Los Muertos-** Join us for our annual parade, immediately followed by a brand new event that is sure to bring lots of joy to our community. The parade will be on Archer Ave and the Dia De Los Muertos will be held at Wentworth Park.



**Sweetheart Comedy Show-** Make sure to get your tickets ASAP! This hilarious event sells out every single year! Held at the European Chalet on Harlem, get your tickets live on line now! -[www.midwaychamber.org](http://www.midwaychamber.org)

**Cookie Walk-** Our 3rd annual Cookie Walk will take place in November. Walk down Archer Ave, stopping at several business locations, collect all your cookies and get a jump on our Christmas shopping with tons of local vendors!



## Business of the Month

**January:** Archer & Central Laundromat

**February:** Bobby G's Tavern

**March:** Central Clearing Drugs

**April:** Trianos Pizza

**May:** F3 Technologies

**June:** Marquette Bank

**July:** Stella's Cardio Blast

**August:** All Exterior Contractors

**September:** Guide's Sports Bar

**Snack With Santa-** This long standing event is held the first Saturday of December. It is free for all children. Stop into one of our Chamber member locations to get your free tickets!

**Dinner Dance-** Join us for a night out with dinner, drinks and dancing on December 15. Tons of raffles and laughter. We will honor our Fire Fighter, Police Officer and Teacher of the Year!

## **Make every Saturday a Small Business Saturday®- by Tim Hadac**



The calendar tells me Small Business Saturday® is approaching—on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.. It is part of the Shop Small® movement created by American Express in 2010--a year-round campaign to celebrate and support small businesses. Count me in.

As a Southwest Sider who grew up working in a family business, a supermarket my grandfather built near 69th and Damen and which was later owned by my dad and my uncle, I am a fan of the small-business owner.

I've seen up close how the small-business owner sweats to make ends meet in the face of competition from deep-pocketed chain-store competitors, over-regulation by government bureaucrats who don't mean to be anti-business but are, and an often indifferent community that often does not get why they should shop small, shop local and shop independent when possible.

Compared to large, national chain stores, small businesses are much more likely to employ men, women and teens from the neighborhood. Small businesses are more likely to make donations to local schools, houses of worship, Scout troops, Little League teams, you name it. Small businesses are more likely to join and get active in the neighborhood chamber of commerce. They are more likely to patronize local business-to-business services.

Small-business owners are far more likely to live right here in the neighborhood than owners of the large corporations that run chain stores.

So yeah, I get it. Those are some of the reasons why I eat lunch at Café 63, not Wendy's. Why I prefer Obbie's or Stunod's over Pizza Hut or Domino's—or a local paletteria over Baskin Robbins. Why I'll choose Ray Buick before CarMax—any day.

That, in my opinion, should be enough to make all of us considerably more likely than not to patronize our local businesses. But in the real world, it isn't.

Small businesses here on the Southwest Side—and everywhere, really—have to do much more than hang their hats on “support the little guy, root for the home team” appeals. Just ask the owners of any of the dozens of Southwest Side small businesses that have gone under in the last five years.

Here are three constructive suggestions for small-businesses to survive and thrive.

- Advertise, advertise, advertise. Having a pretty sign, an open door and a smile doesn't mean much if folks don't know about you. I've lost count of how many Southwest Side business owners I've met over the years who were absolutely convinced that their business was lightning in a bottle and all they had to do was open up in the morning and the world would beat a path to their door. But they never advertised in their local newspaper, church bulletins, school and club newsletters, and so forth. So it was out of sight, out of mind, out of business.
- Service, service, service. You may not be able to beat the big guys on price or selection, but you can almost always beat them on service, if you commit yourself to it. Do you pick up and deliver? Why not? Do you cheerfully accept returns on merchandise and give your customers incentives to come back?
- In 2023, use 21st century tech tools—or else. Build and maintain a first-rate website and use social media tools to promote, promote, promote. In the blink of an eye, you can use e-commerce tools to transform yourself from a neighborhood business to a merchant who sells and ships worldwide. Use modern tools to encourage customers to pay their bills with online automatic payment systems, or with a wave of their smart phones. Even McDonald's is doing that. You should, as well. Do that, and perhaps we can make every Saturday a Small Business Saturday.

- To follow Tim's articles or to advertise with him please be sure to check out: Southwest Chicago Post -[Swchicagopost.com](http://Swchicagopost.com)- [facebook.com/SWChicagoPost](https://www.facebook.com/SWChicagoPost) && Greater Southwest News-Herald-[southwestregionalpublishing.com/news-herald/](http://southwestregionalpublishing.com/news-herald/) - [facebook.com/SouthWest.News.Herald](https://www.facebook.com/SouthWest.News.Herald).

# Community News

## Midway Chamber of Commerce pairs with St. Laurence High School

St. Laurence and Midway Chamber of Commerce are proud to announce their official partnership, which will provide students with more opportunities than ever before for Community Service Hours, Internships, Externships and real-life experience throughout the year. This new venture allows students to gain valuable skills in areas like management, customer service, business operations, entrepreneurship and more. It also gives the students the chance to experience



different industries they may wish to pursue in the future, as well as make connections within their local community. The partnership between St. Laurence and Midway Chamber of Commerce is an important step forward for students who are looking to gain meaningful experiences and develop their skills while still completing their studies.

Together, St. Laurence and Midway Chamber of Commerce are committed to helping students reach their potential in both personal and professional realms

while helping our business community expand. With this collaboration, we hope to create a path for all students to succeed. This is an exciting opportunity that should not be missed! For more information on the partnership and how it can help you, please contact [admin@midwaychamber.org](mailto:admin@midwaychamber.org).

## 2024 Sponsorships & Volunteer Opportunities



Throughout the year we have many opportunities to sponsor different Chamber events- Plan for 2024 now!

- Newsletters • St. Patricks Day Parade • Summer Banners • Pet Parade • Patriots Day Parade • Back to School Extravaganza • Golf Outing • Veterans Bricks • Winter Banners
- Archer Avenue Bar Crawl • Sweetheart Comedy Show • Cookie Walk • Snack with Santa

Contact us today to learn more about these exciting opportunities.

JOIN NOW

[midwaychamber.org](http://midwaychamber.org)

### Volunteers Needed

- Join Us at our upcoming events
- March- Parade
  - May-Expo
  - June-Sept-Farmers Market
  - June- Parade
  - July-Parade
  - Aug- Back to School
  - Oct-Parade
  - Dec- Snack with Santa



To sponsor an event, email [info@midwaychamber.org](mailto:info@midwaychamber.org) or check out the website Sponsor tab @ [MidwayChamber.org](http://MidwayChamber.org)

We need everyone involved!



# 2023

## Calendar Of Events

Monthly General Meeting - 1st Tuesday of the month, except Jan & July

### October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

### November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

### December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



**OCTOBER-** HALLOWEEN PARADE, 63RD ST CAR SHOW, SWEETHEART COMEDY SHOW

**NOVEMBER-** COOKIE WALK, VETERAN'S DAY

**DECEMBER-** SNACK WITH SANTA, TREE LIGHTING, DINNER DANCE

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR  
UPCOMING EVENTS AND  
CURRENT UP TO DATE DETAILS  
MIDWAYCHAMBER.ORG



If you have an upcoming special event you'd like to market on our events calendar, please make sure to share the details with us so we can help spread the word!

Email us at [info@midwaychamber.org](mailto:info@midwaychamber.org)

## 3rd Annual Cookie Walk



Our Third Annual Cookie walk will be held on November 18th. This is an awesome family event. Grab your tins, walk up and down Archer Ave. Stop into a variety of local businesses that will have specials on their products, customized cookies and pop up vendors! There will be a limited number of cookie tins available so be sure to visit our website for all the details and to reserve your spot. Order your tins at [www.midwaychamber.org](http://www.midwaychamber.org).

## Huge Shout Out !!

- We would like to extend a huge **thank you** to the Wintrust Sports Complex for hosting our fall and winter general meetings! Be sure to pop over to 5499 W 65th St, Bedford Park, IL 60638 to check out their awesome facility which includes restaurants, open gyms, arcades, laser tag and plenty of room which makes for endless possibilities of fun! Senior Bingo is Back at Wintrust Sports Complex! Join them the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month for FREE BINGO between 11am – 1pm. Enjoy prizes, raffles, split the pot, free blood pressure screenings! Wintrust Sports Complex offers Pickleball every Tuesday and Thursday between 9am – Noon for only \$5! Don't worry if you don't have the equipment...they will supply everything for you! They also offer 5v5 Youth Basketball League – October 3 – November 16.

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## Come Out & Join Our Community!

*To keep our community involved & successful we need you! Throughout the year we have many sponsorship and volunteer opportunities around our neighborhood.*

*Volunteers are what make our events so successful. Volunteer opportunities are available YEAR ROUND.*

### **Save the date!!**

\*\* Halloween Parade- Oct 28- Cookie Walk- Nov 16- Snack with Santa- Dec, 2-  
Dinner Dance-Dec 15 \*\*

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